

EXTRACTS FROM HEARINGS (PART 3)

BEFORE THE SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE'S

INTERNAL SECURITY SUBCOMMITTEE

ON STATE DEPARTMENT SECURITY AND PASSPORT REGULATIONS

Letter By Senator Karl E. Mundt

Addressed to Secretary of State, and Attorney General Robert Kennedy, 17 January 1962

Relating to the New Passport Regulations

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"While I am fully aware of the infinite importance attaching to the coordinate rights of confrontation and cross-examination in criminal proceedings, under our Angle-American legal system, I am, nevertheless, dubious as to the feasibility of making a strict transference of these rights to administrative proceedings, especially when national security is at issue. I am certain that many occasions will arise when the FBI, the CIA, and other intelligence agencies will understandably be strongly opposed to disclosing the identity of sensitively placed confidential informants; and if the testimony of these informants had determinative weight in the consideration of a passport application, the newly promulgated regulations will have the effect of compelling issuance of a passport to an individual, whom the Passport Office knows or has reason to believe is a member of the Communist Party. In matters involving our national security it is my earnest conviction that the Federal Government should not be compelled into the position of having to choose between two alternative courses of action, when both are inimical to our Nation's best interests."

Testimony of Andreas F. Lowenfeld

Office of Legal Adviser, State Department

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"Mr. Sourwine. 'Were you ever, Mr. Lowenfeld, connected in any way with the CIA?'

"Mr. Lowenfeld. 'Not in any direct way. The reason that I hesitate in my answer is that I was connected with the Center for International Studies at MIT.'

"Mr. Sourwine. 'That was during what period of time?'

"Mr. Lowenfeld. 'That was 1951-1952. And they had some kind of contract with the CIA. So that it is conceivable that I was cleared with them.'

"Mr. Sourwine. 'Yes.'

"Mr. Lowenfeld. 'But I never formally worked for them.'

"Mr. Sourwine. 'Did you know that the Center for International Studies was a CIA operation?'

"Mr. Lowenfeld. 'I was never formally told, but it became apparent.'

"Mr. Sourwine. 'Was Mr. Rostow in charge up there when you were there?'

"Mr. Lowenfeld. 'He was acting, I guess--and then Mr. Millikan came. I worked for Mr. Rostow, yes.'

"Mr. Sourwine. 'What was your position with him?'

"Mr. Lowenfeld. 'Well, I was a staff member. Originally there were only three or four staff members. I worked on various projects having to do with Russia and Eastern Europe.'"